XIII.

Account of a Caſe in which the Anus was wanting, ſucceſsfully cured. *By* Dr William Kennedy, *Phyſician, Inverneſs, and Fellow of the Royal College of Phyſicians, Edinburgh. Communicated to* Dr Duncan *ſenior.*

ON the 13th of March laſt, I was requeſted to viſit a male child, at the houſe of the Reverend Mr Grant, one of our clergymen.

The child was four days old, and had been brought from the pariſh of Bolleſkine, upwards of twenty miles diſtant.

It was ſuppoſed, that neither the urinary nor alvine paſſages were open.

On examining the urethra with a ſmall bougie, I paſſed it with eaſe into the bladder; but, on looking for the anus, there was not the ſmalleſt appearance where it ſhould have been.

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It appeared to me neceſſary immediately to make an artificial opening, to give the infant a chance of living. Accordingly, an opening was made, (where the anus ſhould have been), about half an inch deep, and more than an inch in length; but I could not find the end of the rectum. I continued the inciſion until I could turn the point of my finger within the pelvis. I then found the end of the gut, round, and pointed like a cone, quite tenſe.

An opening was made into it: a vaſt quantity of meconium, perfectly black, was diſcharged, which had a moſt putrid ſmell. The inciſion was kept open by means of ſponge.

The child has ever ſince diſcharged the feces naturally, is nurſed by the mother, and thriving well in every reſpect.

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